



City of Las Vegas

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COUNCILMAN, WARD 6

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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Free Internet Access for Municipal Governments (Docket # 07-16)

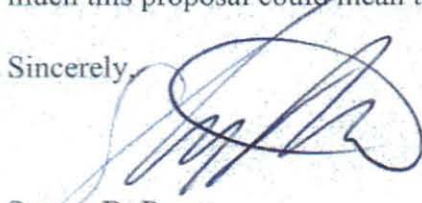
Dear Mrs. Secretary:

Being a local leader, I understand that municipal governments in today's society cannot function proper without quality broadband internet. With prices of such access ranging from \$15 to \$45 per mbps, it is easy to see why many citizens cannot afford it. However, regardless of the cost, municipalities have no choice. The result is higher taxes for my constituents.

I am writing to you with the hope that this can soon change. I have learned that your office has received a proposal that would allow everyone in the country to have free access to the internet, both individuals and businesses alike. U.S. cities and countries will benefit tremendously from this action, as they compete for jobs, residents and business investment. In addition, the access would relieve overloaded surface transportation systems by providing a telecommuting infrastructure.

I ask you to think of the "little guys" in small towns across the county and how much this proposal could mean to them. Please support docket # 07-16.

Sincerely,


Steven D. Ross
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Senator Harry Reid
Senator John Ensign

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